

## **REPORT OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE ON LITIGATION**

March 19, 2013

The Honorable,  
The Board of Commissioners of Cook County

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Finance Subcommittee on Litigation of the Board of Commissioners met pursuant to notice on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. in the County Building, Room 569, Chicago, Illinois.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

**Present:** Chairman Silvestri, Vice Chairman Fritchey and Commissioners Collins, Gainer, Schneider and Suffredin (6)

**Absent:** Commissioner Tobolski (1)

**Also Present:** Commissioners Butler, Daley, Reyes, Sims and Steele; Patrick Driscoll, Jr. – Deputy State's Attorney and Chief, Civil Actions Bureau; Andrew Creighton, Karen Dimond, Stephen L. Garcia, James C. Pullos and Kenneth Wright, Assistant State's Attorneys; Peter M. Kramer, Esq. – General Counsel, Legal and Labor Affairs, Office of the Cook County Sheriff

**Court Reporter:** Anthony W. Lisanti, C.S.R.

**Vice Chairman Fritchey, seconded by Gainer, moved to Receive and File the Litigation Subcommittee Status Report. The motion carried.**

**Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, moved to enter into Executive Session, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).**

**Commissioner Suffredin called for a Roll Call Vote on the Motion, the vote of yeas and nays being as follows:**

### **Roll Call on Motion to Enter Into Executive Session:**

**Yeas:** Chairman Silvestri, Vice Chairman Fritchey, Commissioners Collins, Gainer, Schneider and Suffredin (6)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Present:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Tobolski (1)

**The motion carried, and the Litigation Subcommittee entered into Executive Session.**

**Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, moved to return to Regular Session. The motion carried.**

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Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski, moved to Concur with the Recommendation of the State's Attorney's Office in the matter *Pillischafske v. Cook County, et al.*, Case No. 12 C 3850. The motion carried.

Peter M. Kramer, Esq., General Counsel, Legal and Labor Affairs, Office of the Cook County Sheriff, stated that he would advise the Subcommittee as to what the actions of the Merit Board are in the final analysis of this case.

For the record, Chairman Silvestri requested that on an ongoing basis the Sheriff's Office advise the Litigation Subcommittee as to Merit Board actions.

Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, moved to Concur with the Recommendation of the State's Attorney's Office in the matter *Illinois Department of Labor v. Cook County Sheriff*, Case No. 12 L 2730. The motion carried.

Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, moved to Concur with the Recommendation of the State's Attorney's Office in the matter *Nathan v. Cook County*. Case No. 11 C 5678. The motion carried.

Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, moved to Concur with the Recommendation of the State's Attorney's Office in the matter *Johnson and Ivankovich v. Cook County*, Case No. 08 C 2139, and *Nash v. Cook County*, Case No. 08 C 3648. The motion carried.

Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, moved to Concur with the Recommendation of the State's Attorney's Office to Receive and File the matter of *Ronald Kitchen v. Jon Burge, et al.*, Case No. 10 C 4093. The motion carried.

Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, moved to Concur with the Recommendation of the State's Attorney's Office to Receive and File the matter of Potential Litigation Concerning Operations of the Cook County Department of Corrections, Litigation Jacket No. 314851. The motion carried.

Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Gainer, moved to authorize invoice payments for special counsels (Tabs #1 through #7 in Volume 2) which are in compliance with the County's Attorney-Fee Guidelines. The motion carried.

Tab 1	Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP Case No. 11 C 4655	<i>Hayes-Newell, et al. v. Trost, et al.</i>
Tab 2	Meckler Bulger Tilson Marick & Pearson Case No. 11 CV 3490	<i>Valle v. Sheriff Thomas Dart, Palomino, et al.</i>
Tab 3	Donohue Brown Mathewson & Smyth LLC Case No. 11 CV 04028	<i>Capra v. Cook County Board of Review, et al.</i>

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Tab 4	Donohue Brown Mathewson & Smyth LLC Case No. 10 C 6682	<i>Satkar Hospitality, Inc., et al. v. Cook County Board of Review, et al.</i>
Tab 5	Peterson Johnson & Murray LLC Case No. 12 L 5432	<i>Gwendolyn Bell v. Cook County</i>
Tab 6	Peterson Johnson & Murray LLC Case No. 04 C 3367	<i>James Degorski v. Cook County Sheriff, et al.</i>
Tab 7	Peterson Johnson & Murray LLC Case No. 10 C2946	<i>USA v. Cook County, et al.</i>

Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Gainer, moved to Adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

LITIGATION SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE



PETER N. SILVESTRI, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

  
MATTHEW B. DeLEON, SECRETARY

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